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Dear Parents,

As the year comes to a close we reflect on what has happened and all that we have achieved throughout the year. There have been many highlights both through special days, moments and learning opportunities. All these times make any year memorable and it is what drives us all to make Christ Our Holy Redeemer the great school it is. Without the support of parents, staff and students working together we cannot do our best. I am happy to say that this combination has worked well in 2017.

Thank you to all family members who have contributed to Christ Our Holy Redeemer throughout the year. Your assistance and support around the school has been greatly appreciated. I thank you all for giving of your time and talent to make a difference to our community. My sincere thanks on behalf of the staff and the children who benefit from your ongoing commitment and generous contribution to our school.

I am also very grateful to the wonderful staff here at COHR who continue to support and implement the programs on offer. They are certainly a dedicated team and have contributed to another successful year of learning.

Advent Action

Thanks to the many families who have sent along food and household items to contribute to the Advent Action Christmas Appeal. Items have been bundled together by the Year 6 students and will be distributed to families in need before Christmas. Your generosity and support is greatly appreciated.

In this season of Advent, inspire us to be people of hope.

Encourage us not to be greedy for material possessions, but for justice and truth.

Enflame us with a love for others, which crosses boundaries of race, religion and nationality.

Stir within us a desire to fight for the integrity of creation and appreciate the immense beauty of the earth.

Be with us, Lord, at this time, that we may be people of hope.

Amen

YEAR 6 GRADUATION

Tonight we will be holding a special evening to acknowledge the efforts of our Year 6 students who will be completing their final year at primary school this year. This is a night for the children and their families. The children will attend mass, share a meal together and participate in a graduation ceremony. We congratulate them all on this wonderful milestone and wish them every blessing as they commence the next step on their educational journey.



SCHOOL CHOIR

The school choir will be performing some Christmas songs at assembly this Friday.

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to the Salemm Family (Alex Prep R) on the arrival of their daughter Milla.

REPORTS AND PORTFOLIOS

Report envelopes will be sent home tomorrow. In the envelopes will be Semester Two reports and a book supplies list for 2018. Portfolios will also be sent home. We ask students in Years 1, 3 and 5 to return their portfolios early next year.

MESSAGE FROM OUR ENVIRONMENT LEADERS

Hi everyone! We are your Environment Captains for 2017, and we just wanted to let you know that the bike racks will probably be arriving in the last couple of days of school. They will be installed over the holidays so that everyone will be able to use them next year and hopefully for many more as well. We hope that we will be able to lay a concrete slab either down near the portable or somewhere else that is safe for the kids. Thank You for your kind donation and patience!

Alia and Sophia



STAFFING 2018

There are a few changes to our staffing next year as we farewell familiar faces and welcome some new ones.

As mentioned in a previous newsletter John Killeen has been appointed to a new teaching position at Camberwell Grammar and Naomi Daw Fornaro is also moving to Glendall South Primary School. We also congratulate Rebecca Saad who is taking on a position at Cranbourne East Secondary College and to Ivana Kakala who will be taking up a position at St Joseph's Springvale next year. We thank John, Naomi, Ivana and Rebecca for their contribution to our school over the year/s and wish them much happiness in their new roles.

With a few staff moving on in 2018 we have employed two new teachers to join our team next year. Mrs Kim Goddard will be teaching one of our Prep classes next year and Mr David Nolan will be teaching a Year 3/4 class.

We also welcome back Phil Solari, Jill Palermo and Karen Gosling who have all been on leave.

As a result of this staff movement the following is a list of classroom teachers and classes for 2018

2018 STAFFING

Our staffing for 2018 is as follows:

Prep

Prep G	Mrs Kim Goddard
Prep PS	Mrs Jill Palermo/Mrs Michelle Seel

Year 1/2

1/2 L	Miss Emily Leckie
1/2 SC	Miss Sarah Counihan
1/2 S	Mrs Emily Stafford
1/2 P	Miss Elise Pape

Year 3/4

3/4 GS	Mrs Karen Gosling/Mrs Phil Solari
3/4 HM	Mrs Jo Hunt/Mrs Leah Macdonald
3/4 KS	Miss Kristy Sly
3/4 N	Mr David Nolan

Year 5/6

5/6 T	Miss Tanya Weston
5/6 C	Mrs Ilona Cetrola
5/6 GT	Mrs Georgina Torissi
5/6 F	Miss Emily Faella

Student Services

Reading Recovery:	To be appointed
Student Wellbeing:	Mrs Michelle Seel
Counsellor:	Mrs Jo Healy
Student Support:	Mrs Franca Paduano
Learning Support:	Mrs Lorraine Hill
Learning Support:	Mrs Sue Jenkins

Learning Support:	Mrs Isabelle Georgalas
Learning Support:	Mrs Vicky Kalliontzis
Learning Support:	Mrs Anna Giannikos

The Arts

Visual Art:	Mrs Jo Hunt – Wednesday
Performing Art:	To be appointed

Physical Education

PE & Sports:	Mrs Sue Tobin
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Language other than English

Italian:	Mrs Marisa Lucia
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Library and eLearning

Mrs Karen Wakeling
Mrs Lorraine Hill

Office Staff

Mrs Virginia Macdonald
Mrs Rachel Bernardo

Leadership

Learning Diversity:	Mrs Michelle Seel
Information Technology:	Mrs Karen Wakeling
Religious Education:	Mrs Phil Solari
Student Wellbeing:	Mrs Jo Hunt
Maths Leader:	Mrs Emily Stafford
Literacy Leader:	Miss Elise Pape
Teaching and Learning:	Miss Michella Pradel
Deputy Principal:	Miss Michella Pradel
Principal:	Mr Brendan Welsford

There are a number of staff who will have positions of leadership within the school in 2018 and will have certain amounts of time allocated to fulfill their roles. In these cases a team-teaching arrangement will take place. In a team-teaching situation both teachers work very closely together to prepare, plan and deliver a comprehensive curriculum.

Class groupings for 2018 have now been finalised and students will have a 'Going Up' visit on Monday 18th when they will be notified of their 2018 class and teacher. A considerable amount of time is spent on these groupings, taking into consideration the academic, social and behavioural needs of each of the students. Once finalized it is extremely difficult to make changes to these groupings. Requests by parents to have their child/children placed with certain teachers is not something we consider based on personal preference.

*May the peace of Christ be with your family as together
you celebrate His coming.*

*May a kind word, a reassuring touch and a warm smile
be yours every day of your life, and may you give these
gifts as well as receive them.*

May your life be filled with joy and love.

Brendan Welsford
Principal

Library News

The library is in full swing collecting all overdue books. Students who have overdue books have reminder notes today - if parents could assist in returning these it would be greatly appreciated. If books cannot be found then a note with the cost for replacement will be sent home on Friday.

THANK YOU to Lousie Callander and Christine Morgan - two very helpful mums who have volunteered their time and assisted with covering numerous library books over the last 6 years. As Louise & Christine finish up at COHR (as their children are finishing), the library will be putting a call out next year for some new volunteers to assist in covering our books. This is a job that can be done at home. Pop into the library or email me if you think you may be able to help us out.

THANK YOU to Anna Saraullo who has coordinated the Scholastic Book Club for the past 2 years. Our school receives bonus rewards each issue and this year we bought over \$800 worth of books and resources for our students. This is a job that requires a couple of hours twice a term - if you think you can assist Anna or want to find out more please speak to Anna or myself.

Thanks

Karen Wakeling

TERM 4 DATES

Thursday 14th Grade 6 Graduation Mass & Dinner
Friday 15th Reports & Portfolios home
Monday 18th Meet the teacher 2018
Grade 6 Assembly 2:30pm
Tuesday 19th End of year mass 9.15am
Term 4 finishes at 3.30pm

CHRISTMAS MASS TIMETABLE

Thursday 21 December 2017

(HR) 9.00am Mass
(HR) 9.30am -10.00am Confessions

Friday 22 December 2017

(SH) 9.00am Mass
(SH) 9.30am -10.00am Confessions

Saturday 23 December 2017

(SH) 5:30pm Mass
(HR) 7:00pm Mass

Sunday 24 December 2017 - Christmas Eve

(HR) 8.00am Mass
(SH) 8.30am Mass in Italian
(SH) 9:45am Mass
(HR) 11:00am Mass
(SH) 5:00pm Carols in the Church
(SH) 5:30pm Vigil Family Mass
(HR) 6:30pm Carols in the Church
(HR) 7:00pm Vigil Family Mass
(HR) 9.30pm Vigil Chaldean Mass
(SH) 9.30pm Carols, Polish Vigil Mass 10.00pm

Midnight Masses

(HR) Carols from 11:30pm and Mass at Midnight

Monday 25 December 2017 - Christmas Day

(SH) 8.30am Mass in Italian
(SH) 9:45am Christmas Day Mass
(HR) 11:00am Christmas Day Mass
(HR) 12.30pm Chaldean Mass



Term 1 2018

1	JANUARY 29 Staff Return	30 Grades 1-6 - Testing	31 Foundation Begin (8.45am - 1.00pm) Grades 1-6 - Testing	FEBRUARY 1 Foundation Full Day All Students attend	2 Foundation Full Day	3	4
2	5	6	7 No Preps	8	9 9am Beginning of School Year Mass Fish n Chip Night	10	11
3	12 Parent Information Night P-2 (6.30-7.30pm)	13 Shrive Tuesday	14 No Preps ASH WEDNESDAY 11.30am Mass	15 Parent Information Night Yrs 3-6 (6.30-7.30pm)	16	17	18
4	19	20	21 No Preps	22	23 School photos	24 Reconciliation Commitment Mass	25
5	26	27 Cyber Safety Yrs3-6 Students, Staff, Parents	28	MARCH 1 Reconciliation Family Night 7pm Sacred Heart	2	3	4
6	5	6	7	8	9 SCHOOL CLOSURE DAY	10	11
7	12 Labour Day Holiday	13	14	15	16	17	18
		Catholic Education Week		OPEN DAY			
8	19	20	21 Combined School Mass @ Sacred Heart	22	23 CROSS COUNTRY	24	25
9	26	27	28	29 End term Students dismissed at 2.30pm	30 Good Friday	31	APRIL 1